

CFLCC SAFETY GRAM



**Results of an M16
Negligent Discharge**

Accidental or Negligent Discharges

It isn't just "OOPS my weapon went off," this is serious leadership business. Since August 02, there have been 41 accidental or negligent weapons discharges in Kuwait. Six discharges caused injuries, including several to the individuals discharging the weapon. Almost all incidents involved 9MM pistols. The majority of discharges occurred while clearing weapons at the clearing barrels. The primary cause of discharge was failure to remove the magazine before moving the slide or bolt rearward. This indicates a lack of knowledge of proper weapon clearing procedures and lack of proper supervision. Weapons training and supervision are leadership responsibilities.

REMEMBER:

- CFLCC Safety Action Message #1 required every soldier to be certified on weapons handling and weapons clearing.
- Standards for clearing weapons are posted at all camp clearing barrels. All personnel with weapons must clear weapons before entering the camps and arms rooms.
- Personnel are not authorized to chamber a round in individual weapons during off-post movement, with the exception of designated security forces, Military Police, CID or as required for immediate self-defense.
- This does not limit inherent authority and obligation to take all necessary and appropriate action to defend yourself, and other US forces.